

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12 and 14-17 remain in this application. Claims 3, 7 and 13 have been canceled.

In the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, the Examiner objected to claim 4 of the present application because of a grammatical error. Applicant respectfully submits that such grammatical error has been corrected via the present amendment.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Again, pursuant to the present amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that all such points of clarification have now been rectified so as to obviate the Examiner's rejection.

The Examiner also rejected, in particular, independent claims 1 and 6 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Parks et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,877,746). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully transverse the Examiner's rejection and requests the withdrawal thereof.

First of all, Applicant wishes to point out that independent claims 1 and 6 of the present application have been amended so as to clarify that the input mechanism for said device "includes a keyboard wherein said keyboard serves as a primary source of input operation by an operator of said device for telecommunication purposes." Applicant respectfully submits that the Parks reference does not teach or suggest, nor even contemplate, such claim element.

Indeed, Parks actually teaches away from such operation through the provision and use of additional buttons instead. Referring to column 11, lines 10-17, for example, Parks emphasizes that "through the use of hard buttons 20 and the navigation button 19, a user can select a function of the integrated office system 10, ...without having to use the keyboard 12 or trackball 32, items commonly associated with the personal computer which may be intimidating to an inexperienced user."

Conversely, the claimed invention specifically incorporates the standard keyboard which is found on a telecommunication terminal device as a functional element for commissioning such telecommunication terminal device. Accordingly, for at least this reason alone, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 6 of the present application, as well as all

claims which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is also acknowledged that a two month extension of time of \$420.00 is due in connection with this Response at this time. If any other fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-427) on the account statement.

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